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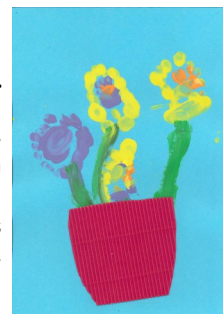


What a couple of amazing and busy months we had. Weeks full of exciting activities and events. Our weekly topics gave us a light insight into our parents' world and now we have a little idea of what our life would look like once we grew up. We went for a shopping trip where we bought variety of delicious food for our healthy snacks. Following from that, our parents invited us to their workplace and showed us what their daily routine looks like. Who knows, maybe one day we will follow in their footsteps. The highlights of these months? There were quite a few. Mother's Day, Kids' Day, Father's Day – we celebrated whole families. And various (and numerous) bye-bye parties for our preschoolers – their Graduation Parties for parents, the Summer Camp (to spend some last days with their buddies) and Bye-bye party for their fellow kindergarteners. We enjoyed lots of lovely moments that we would like to share with you.

WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... MOTHER'S DAY

It is not a secret, and we all know it very well, that a mum has a very special place in the heart of her children. We are really happy for the opportunity to celebrate all our mums in the month of May. Mother's Day is the day when we can reach out to you, our mums, to remind you how loved and appreciated you are! We really believe that this year's Mother's Day did not leave you disappointed in any way. Your children, who love you, need you and who appreciate all you do for them, got ready and excited to celebrate your big day!

Believe us, hosting a big party for you in our Kindergarten takes quite a bit of advanced preparation. Let us guide you through the highlights of it, so you not only see the result but get a peek into a world of cutting, pasting, painting, decorating, practicing, singing, and dancing.



Did we mention singing and dancing? Oh yes! Our performance is a big part of our Mother's Day event! Poems, songs, and dances in all kinds of rhythms have brightened up our day as our children brought up their best. Just imagine the amount of effort, confidence, courage and strength it took to follow all practices! Even the little ones surprised us this year with their high level of persistence 😊. We were and still are very proud of them!



Selecting and working on presents starts at the very beginning. This year, you could have seen a variety of ideas and we believe you really loved them! Are you curious to know just which fashionable handmade pieces made our mums the happiest? How could you say no to beautiful canvas bags with heart, flower or tropical fruit patterns, butterfly necklaces, keychains of various shapes, colourful mirrors, treasure boxes, picture frames etc. If that was not enough, we believe you loved the portraits that your children created using all kinds of art techniques.



Last but not least, we enjoyed with you our workshops. The topic "Colours & Shapes" at Úprkova tested your art skills such as decorating, painting, making origami and shape collages. We even had a relaxing corner where you could have listened to nice music and tested your senses. In Gajova, the topic was "Famous Women in History". You could have met Coco Chanel and make necklaces out of pasta, Nast'a Kuzminová and try the Biathlon race, Amelia Eckhart and make paper aeroplanes, Lady Diana and her balancing challenge and many more. Thank you for taking part in our traditional workshops! It was an amazing chance to see you all in actions as well.



What more to say, yet another successful Mother's Day!



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CLASS PROJECTS...

The **Zebras** have learned how to describe a person. Especially this month we have chosen our moms. We brainstormed all mom's physical and personal characters. We wrote them all down on the board. Then Zebras got special worksheets where they had to pick and write down six typical features of their moms. Everybody has noticed that their mom is a unique and special like no other mom.



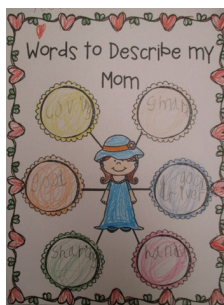
The **Koalas** worked hard on the decoration for Mothers day. It required a lot of cutting since they have decided to create a huge flower bouquet. Great idea, isn't it? All mums love flowers! Children got so excited that each one of them prepared

more than one flower and the beautiful bouquet, that was eventually stuck on the furniture in the classroom, made their mums really happy. ☺

WE SPY... HOW ARE YOU AND YOUR MUMMY THE SAME?

Stellka B. (Seals): My mummy tells me to not get any candies and not any ice-cream.

Jurko (Lions): My mummy likes to cook together with me.



Matúško (Zebras): I and my mummy want to always sleep.

Mia (Mlynská dol.): Že je dobrá.



Emka (Beavers): I've got a "kraťasová sukňa" the same as my mummy.

Milko (Koalas): My mummy have black hair and I don't have so maybe nothing.



Grétka (Crickets): That my mummy likes that like what I, like she likes fruits like I.

Matty (Beavers): I and my mummy we have the same hair.

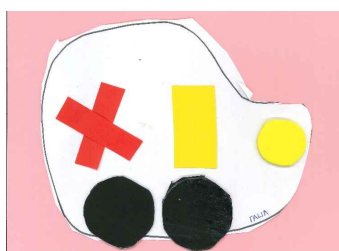


Hanka (Hamsters): I love my mummy and she loves me.

Kiara (Mlynská dol.): That my mom is nice like my unicorn (Kiara's soft toy).

WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... RESCUING

We always have some very special topics to talk about. This time it was about community helpers and officers that help people in our city. Mat'ko and Leo's dad came to our Kindergarten with his team of ambulance service ZAMED. They explained our kids how they work and what are their duties while having emergency calls. They used a special Lego set of hospital and emergency ward to illustrate their "lecture" – what a great way to motivate kids. Classes had chance to look inside the ambulance and even had a ride on stretchers. You should have seen the fun. The oldest kids had a real challenge too. They were in a role of rescuers themselves. Their job was to receive an emergency call, find a patient (teacher) and treat her like professionals. Kids have learned what to do step by step and how to cooperate while helping an injured. It was real life skills training for them. Luckily, all our teachers are safe and sound and all injuries were only pretended.



The **Lions** have learned a lot about how to help their friends when they are injured. Ms. Jakub as a paramedic for camps and trips explained them different situations, for example when a patient had a broken arm, cut on the hand, and bleeding nose. Mr. Jakub as a role play patient was injured and all the Lions were trying to help him feel better. Sometimes they were helping too much using all the equipment from the first aid box – bandages, antiseptic and the plasters... But still "better worse help than no help".



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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... VISITING OUR PARENT



The **Seals** visited Saška's mum in her atelier. It is a magical place where all creative ideas get a shape, colour and become real! The Seals admired some beautiful paintings at first, then they also tried to be artists and drew some great masterpieces. Thanks to Saška's mum, for letting us

experience all the stimuli that the artistic environment can provide!

With Sam's mum, the **Donkeys** had an interesting teaching workshop in our Kindergarten as his mum is an English teacher who is preparing people to various interviews and jobs offers. She explained us how she works and what does it mean to have a curriculum vitae. All the kids were working on their own CV, drawing their interests and life skills. At the end Sam's mum encouraged their possibilities for kids' future jobs.



The **Koalas** visited the Aegon Arena where the fitness instructor, a friend of Mimi's mum, was awaiting them. He showed Koalas the playground next to NTC with all its equipment and he exercised with them as well. At the end, they could see the gym where hockey players

and also Dominika Cibulková exercise and they could say hello to all athletes. It was a really active day!

Loli's dad is a basketball player. He took our **Beavers** to Hunt Arena to show them where he works and plays basketball. Kids have checked enormous changing rooms of real basketball players where the coach explained the rules of the game and how even old players need to listen to the trainer. ☺ Beavers then went to the gym to have a little warm up and an obstacle course run. They have learned how to use the ball and how to dribble. At the end they were watching a real match between Loli's dad and our sports instructor Mr. Matúš. Who do you think has won this game?



The **Turtles** got invited to TV JOJ where Fofko's mum works. They got a chance to visit studios with huge TV screens and mics, make-up room, costume department and reporters' offices. But the best they liked the entrance hall where a huge mascot Rik joined in their singing and dancing. What more do they need?



Stelka's daddy is an amazing music composer. He showed our **Crabs** the fascinating pyramid of Slovak National Radio. Crabs were watching and listening to the rehearsal of Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra. It was a stunning piece of music and our children got very interested in all the different kinds

of instruments, too. They were allowed to go on the stage to look at them and even try to play some of them. ☺ It was really a wonderful day.

Cheese, smile, funny face.... these and more you could hear coming out of the **Hamster** class when Andrejko's mum came to photograph them. Portraits, group pictures, "best friends' pictures" and much more which will stay with Hamsters as valuable memories for the future. We cannot wait to see the result!



As pre-schoolers, the **Zebras** couldn't go anywhere else than to check a big school – our Cambridge International School where Markus' dad works. Zebras were all super excited because they have seen those huge classes, labs, gym, and library. They even took a lesson where they were practising reading and writing. They did a real schoolers' worksheet to prove that they all are ready for the school. Zebras can't wait!

The **Crickets** got not one, but two visits at the same week. Katka's dad introduced a part of his work, that includes teaching and supporting parents of poor kids to save money or build a house. He helped the kids to realize what does it mean to be less fortunate. Children raced with heavy weights in their arms, they were tied to a rubber rope that was very hard to stretch, they jumped on one foot etc. Hugo's mum and grandma taught them lot about fabrics - where they come from, how they are made, they even did an experiment on how to recognize artificial fabric similar to silk from the real silk. Do you know how?



Together with Mateu's dad, the **Lions** found out what does a construction engineer do. Mateu's dad had an amazing video presentation about how to build a bridge with various heavy machines – as for example: bulldozers, excavators, cranes and loaders. ☺ Everybody had a chance to try on a special helmet and a construction safety vest. Boys were in 'seventh heaven', their dreams have come true



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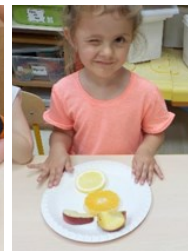
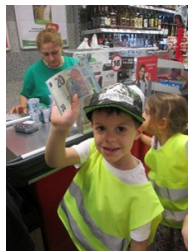
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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... SHOPPING AND COOKING



It is said that love goes through the stomach. We decided to put it to the test: Do our kids like to eat healthy, too? Every class in our Kindergarten got a budget for shopping trip. They prepared shopping lists in advance and went to the nearest shops for the needed ingredients. Kids from the small section decided to work on "fruit faces", sweet sandwiches, and milk shakes. They used their creativity while making funny faces with bananas, apples, oranges, and chocolate and had fun while blending all the things to create yummy drink. In the middle section, the children were working on their own "kindergarten made" ice cream from forest fruits and yogurt with biscuits and strawberries. Also pre-schoolers talked about eating healthy. As all the other kids they rather eat sweet fruits than vegetables. We motivated them to eat more of the latter by creating faced-sandwiches with hair made of salad and corns, eyes of olives, and smile from red pepper. What do you think happened after we were all done "cooking"? Eating feast! Nobody left a single crumb on the side. Try to get your kids help you while preparing their meals and you will see how fast they turn into good eaters.



WE SPY... WHAT IS THE BEST THING TO PUT ON A CAKE?



Saška S. (Crickets): Strawberries and some candies and some lollipops.

Jožko (Zebras): White cream.



Pat'ka (Donkeys): Some flowers that you can eat and some chocolate.



Rebeka (Turtles): And meee... Romanka and koláčik.



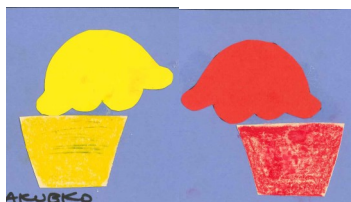
Alžbetka (Beavers): A nice postavička of

Mia (Seals): Rainbow.

Luca (Lions): Tomatoes



Marcos (Koalas): Candies and gummy bears.



Adriana (Hamsters): Strawberries and apples.

Matejko (Lions): Carrot

Matuško (Donkeys): Some Nutella.

Julia (Beavers): Rapunzel that is made of sweet.

OUR CLASS PROJECTS...

The **Crabs** have been learning about good eating manners and habits. They were playing role plays in the restaurant, where Ms. Miška and Ms. Katka showed them how to set a table, hold cutlery and eat nicely and quietly at the table. We can say the Crabs behave much better during our "eating time" in our dining room now.



Look how the outside world of our kindergarten's surroundings can be educative. The **Seals** were lucky enough to catch next-door builders and their heavy machinery at work. All the toys went aside and their personal cinema has started.

The **Turtles** hate being bored - as it can happen when unexpected rain and lightning send them indoors from the garden. So they created umbrellas and listened to (their now very popular) song Thunder by Imagine Dragons. Who told you we have to listen only to children's music?





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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... KIDS' DAY



First of June is known as the International Kids' Day. We decided to celebrate and make this day very special for our kids in kindergarten. We even invited our new friends from Mlynská Dolina to get to know each other and have fun together. In our garden we have prepared different fun centres such as obstacle course; bouncing castle; water fun (well, this one turned to a fight with water guns actually). What would be a celebration without plenty of yummy things to eat – salty snacks, cookies, fruits in chocolate fondue, and a must for kids – cotton candy. Everybody was licking their fingers! You should have seen those smiley faces – all painted with face paints and chocolate. There was a lot of laughing and kids were "flying" around the garden with their helium-filled balloons. All our preparations were worthy of these lovely smiling souls and contagious laughs.



KIDS INTRODUCE...



Ms Pet'ka - Office Gajova

What can you tell me about Ms Pet'ka?

- *She is taking us for judo and dancing.
- *She is telling us to stop to do silly things when she is taking us for dancing.
- *Sometimes she is telling that "No", that we cannot do something.

What do you think Ms Pet'ka was like when she was in kindergarten?

- *I think she was wearing a dress.
- *I think that she did have a pinky pants.

What does Ms Pet'ka do when she is not here in the kindergarten?

- *She can watch a television.
- *She is at home playing with her mummy.
- *She is probably talking with her mummy.

If Ms Pet'ka could be a character from any story, who would she be?

- *A monster
- *Hello Kitty

If Ms Pet'ka could have 3 wishes, what do you think she would wish for?

- *To watch a television.
- *That birdy will come and sing to her.
- *That she would be on holidays.



While Bees and Beetles had the Swimming course, our little **Ladybugs** and **Butterflies** enjoyed the fun in the garden. They played games with huge beach ball, ate fruit on the blanket like on the picnic, and read the books in the shade.

But the most fun was splashing water in the pool! It was very

WE SPY... WHY DO YOU LIKE BEING A KID?



Pat'ka (Donkeys): We can play with friends when we are kids.

Neti (Zebras): Because you get so much things like toys.

Panisa (Koalas): Because you are not alone.

Grétka (Crickets): Because we can play, we don't need to work in work or in school.



Alicka (Crickets): Because then I can play with my best friends.



Rohan (Seals): Because I like it and

Hugo (Beavers): Because we can drink milk.



Lukaš L. (Zebras): Because kids have easier life.

In **Hamsters** class, they were sharing their thoughts about their future jobs! Their choices were eclectic and ranged from police girl to goal keeper to ballerina! We support Hamsters and their choices and to reinforce and encourage we did a number of craft activities. They made puppets out of paper bags and used their skills and creativity to turn the bags into themselves! Their cutting and sticking skills are on point! They enjoyed playing with the puppets too. You should have heard how the Hamsters imagine people talk like in their jobs. They were so funny! They continue to be a creative and happy class.





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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... FATHER'S DAY



May belongs to mums while June is a month of dads. As every year, we spent a few weeks practicing special songs for our daddies. Our topics were about Super Heroes such as Superman, Flash, Thor, and Fireman Sam on Úprkova. On Gajova, we compared our dads to Famous Detectives like Sherlock Holmes, Hercules Poirot or British couple Dempsey and Makepeace. We enjoyed plenty of various checkpoints. The most popular, though, were photo corners, guessing games, racing runs. We even got a bit crafty with our daddies. We surprised them with presents made specially for them – photo frames decorated with screws, bolts, and old keys or pieces of computer keyboard; painted key chains, home made chocolates, and jars with mixes of spices for summer barbecue. With our little gifts we wanted to express how much our dads mean to us and how much we love them. Thank you all for coming.



WE SPY... WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR DADDY ALWAYS SAYS TO YOU?

Kubko (Seals): I have Buzz at home and I can have zmrzlinka.

Tia (Zebras): That I am the best girl.



Lea (Donkeys): That I am "lenivec".

Deni (Koalas): My daddy tell me: Eat Deni, Eat!



Alicka (Crickets): You are beautiful and I love you.

Jurko (Donkeys): That he is always good to me.

Jožko (Zebras): Let me sleep.



Romanka (Hamsters): My daddy always tell me "stráž Rebečku".

Panisa (Koalas): Come and help me.



Benito (Beavers): That he loves me.

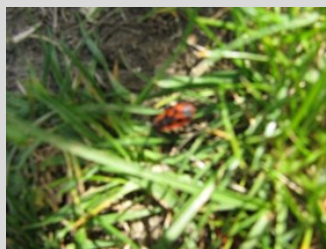
Rohan (Seals): Nothing.

NEWS FROM MLYNSKÁ DOLINA...



Insect Observation

Even the smallest things on this Earth like bugs, spiders, butterflies, and beetles are super exciting for us. We first read about insects in books and encyclopedias but there's nothing better than learning about these little creatures in the garden - right there in their homes! Every single miniature bug and spider has a big purpose in the nature, did you know? We observed their colours, counted the number of legs, checked if they have antennae, we watched how they move and how fast they can run. Magnifying glass helped us to see them more closely... but only when we watched the lazy bugs who could stand still for a few seconds. And honestly, there were not many. Green grasshoppers were the fastest and brown spiders in the corner of our playground were our favorites. And how surprising was it for the boys to learn that only the female mosquitos bite us! Mother nature thought it through very well, the boys said ☺.



Photos made by kids



Experiment Day

What do you need to do before starting an experiment? Set a hypothesis! Wow, so many every day ingredients that we normally use in the kitchen or play with in the garden, turned into most exciting mixtures which caused surprising effects, bubbles, and gases. Some of the ingredients we used dissolved in the water, some not. Our Lego blocks, cars, pins and wooden sticks, coins, and an apple were floating or sinking in the box full of water. And we were witnesses of a

real magic - a plastic bag full of water was pierced with sharp pencils... and guess what, no water was leaking! Physics is fun and Albert Einstein is our newest hero.





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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... GRADUATIONS



In June, our Kindergarten is usually busy with many special events, busy with the last unfinished pieces of work, everybody is preparing and looking forward to summer time. All memorable moments from the whole year are popping up in our heads and it is always hard to believe that another school year has successfully passed. But there is one, THE ONE, the most unforgettable moment for all children and teachers from Y1 classes – THE GRADUATION PARTY! It is really hard to describe with words the emotions that you find yourself feeling alongside our little friends and partners (because yes, that is what they are for us) who grew up under our arms for many months, sometimes even years. It is almost impossible to measure the time we spent together and the things we had to solve, the number of hugs and cuddles we shared, the experience we gained, and the love and care which was spread all around. Watching children performing what they have learnt throughout the years brought lots of memories and you cannot help but feel proud of what they were able to achieve! Suddenly there, in front of you, stand smart, strong and matured children who are ready to leave the kindergarten life and start their journey another successful path. Dear **Crickets**, **Hamsters**, and **Zebras**! May all your dreams come true! We wish you all the best, to have more unforgettable moments, lots of strength to fight all challenges, plenty of good friends around, and teachers who will like you as much as we all do! We will miss you!



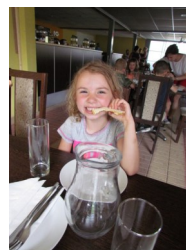
SUMMER CAMP



It's been our long tradition before we close the kindergarten door for the very last time, to spend a few very special days with our dear buddies. What better way to celebrate our successful preschool life than getting away for a couple of days... Our favourite spot for the summer camp is in Častá - Papiernička. And there we went again also this year - this time with the groups of Zebras, Crickets, and Hamsters. Upon our arrival we heard an interesting, yet a bit disturbing, story about a young Indian boy Malelawaki. As the story went, Malelawaki found out that the river which went through his village and provided water for all the living things dried out completely. He decided to help his neighbours and family and set off on a difficult journey to learn what caused such a disaster. As he neared the source of the river, he realised that a huge snake is sitting on it. He tried to get him away very politely but the snake would not move a bit. But since it saw Malelawaki's persistence and polite nature, he made him a bet. He challenged him to show off his orientation skills, bravery, endurance, wit, tidiness, strength, and love for nature. Only if

Malelawaki passes the tests given by the snake, only then it will move away from the river stream! Our kids were not happy to hear such conditions and decided on the spot to help Malelawaki out. They were willing to take all those difficult tasks upon themselves. And so, they set out in quite demanding and tiring adventure - they were using their brains, observance and even muscles and speed in various meadow games. They proved their bravery while night walk in the forest. They showed us how great they got in swimming, or how much they love nature and long hikes ☺. Well, they were motivated not only by vision of the castle at the end of the journey, but

also a promise of an ice-cream treat. The most demanding challenge was to keep their rooms neat and tidy, but guess what... The snake closed its eye to socks under the bed or a shoe in the middle of the room and decided that we did enormously well. And yes! You guessed it right. It moved away from the stream... Malelawaki's village was saved and we were happy to help. We all decided to celebrate in a big style - with a proper pizza party.





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MIXED-UP DAY

It's been a very nice and fun tradition in our kindergarten to mix everything up... At the end of June we usually mess with our kids (in a good way, of course) and set some new teachers for them. And so, suddenly the assistant teachers get a chance to become bosses for one day, class teachers become their assistants, and kids get to know other people from the kindergarten a bit better. It is a day full of confusion since every class has its own rules, deals, and other little nuances. But it is also a day full of laughter and silly ideas - kids really love to tease their new teachers and bend the regular regime in the class. Nothing new... But you know what? Just for this one occasion we gladly let them.



BYE-BYE PARTY FOR Y1 FRIENDS

With the end of the school year, there comes also the time when we have to say the very last bye to our friends and sometimes even some teachers. Although we are not happy about it, this year was no exception. The very last June week we grouped all our leaving friends together and sang Happy Bye-bye song. Yes, you read it right - Happy Bye-bye. We've learnt that saying bye doesn't have to be sad and upsetting. We decided to do it in a grand style - a proper summer party as it should be. With music, dance and, of course, yummy snack. (Guess, where all the kids went? ☺). And so... Dear friends, whether you are going near or far, we hope, only good things will come your way. Take care and, please, stop by to say hello if you are in neighbourhoods.

KIDS INTRODUCE...

Mr Jakub - Gajova (Lions)



What can you tell me about Mr Jakub?

*He went home
*He is really tall.
*He knows

how to play football so much, because he is already big and he probably did went to school of football.

*He is a musician.

Do you know any of Mr Jakub's secrets?

*Yes he has secret, but I will not tell it. **Can you tell me?** I will not tell you. It's a secret of Ms Veronika and Mr Jakub. **Ms Veronika?** She also knows his secret and I told it to all the Zebras.

What is one thing that Mr Jakub always says?

*That he will not catch us.

*Lions and Crabs come to line up.

If Mr Jakub could be a character from any story, who would he be?

*Puss in boots

*He could be a Lego man

*Fat bear

*Mickey mouse

If Mr Jakub could have 3 wishes, what do you think he would wish for?

*He wish that he could be forever in home, because he can play at home basketball

*That he will be a real football player and to know how to do a flip scissors

*That he would get married

Ms Táňa - Úprkova (Koalas)



What can you tell me about Ms. Táňa?

*She is beautiful like my mummy.

What does Ms. Táňa like to do?

*Drink coffee. Do you know she drink so much coffee? I think she really like coffee.

*She likes when we listen and when we are not running too much.

*She likes spaghetti and grapes and water melon.

If she could be any character from any story, who would she be?

*Story I don't know, but when I was on the holiday I saw a little bit similar Ms. Táňa, like similar to her but she had brown hair.

*In Tom and Jerry, because she can be Tom's and Jerry's mum.

If she could have 3 wishes, what would she wish for?

*To have quiet children and not loud and silly.

*That she had so much babies.

*That she gonna clean up and we gonna help her.

What was Ms. Táňa like in the Kindergarten?

*She was just playing and doing some crafts.

*She didn't like Kindergarten I think she did tell me.

*She was nice and sometimes not good.

Ms Zuzka - Mlynská dolina (Butterflies)



What can you tell me about Ms Zuzka?

*Tu vedľa tancuje zumbé s butterflies.

Does she have any secrets?

*I don't think she has secrets.

*Uhm... má tajomstvá takže, že keď sa vyspí tak keď príde do škôlky, keď niektorí robia zle tak musia ísť na stôl a niečo nakresliť.

*To neviem presne.

*Nikomuto nehovorí nijaké tajomstvá.

What superhero would she be?

*I think she would be a super-girl... **Would she have any super power?** Yes, girl's power like when she flies...

*Wonder woman. Wonder woman má takú šnúрку čo môže všetkých zaviazať a ešte má aj meč.

*Tak to neviem.

What does she do at home when not being in kindergarten?

*I think she likes to cook some food...

*Že je chorá.

*Rada upratuje, ešte aj varí, rada pečie a má rada ešte Vianoce.

*Sa som si predstavil že by najradšej spala.

*Neviem, nebývam vedľa nej.... Ja bývam strašne ďaleko od nej...

What animal she looks like?

*She looks like a monkey... because my dad says I'm a monkey...

*Prasiatko alebo koník